

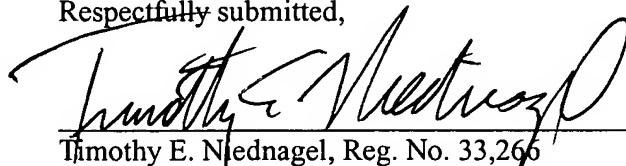
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request the above-cited amendments be made without withdrawing the case from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Applicants note that this amendment is made prior to payment of the issue fee.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the format. Claims 17 and 32 have been amended to change the word "a" to the word "an" before the term "insulative jacket". In addition, the words "carrier" has been removed from claims 17 and 32. The undersigned attorney did not agree to insertion of this word into claims 17 and 32 during the interview on March 30, 2005. Instead, applicants submit that the amended language added by the Examiner reciting at least one ground contact "formed integrally with" the conductive strip is suitable to particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as set forth above, or for the Examiner to issue a subsequent Official Action.

In the event that there are any questions related to these amendments or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,



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